

Remarks

The Requirement for Restriction mailed October 9, 2007 requires restriction between:

- I. Claims 1-71, drawn to a method, classified in class 423, subclass 657.
- II. Claims 72-89, drawn to a composition, classified in class 502, subclass 103.

The Examiner notes that Groups I and II are related as product and process of use and concludes that restriction is justified because the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process "such as a catalytic dehydrogenation process." The Examiner is asked to reconsider the restriction requirement for the following reasons.

There are only two independent claims in the application- claim 1 drawn to a method of producing hydrogen and claim 72 drawn to a hydrogen storage composition. These claims are closely related, and they are uncomplicated. Hydrogen storage compositions and the release of hydrogen from a storage composition are chemically and process related matters. In this case it is suggested that they could be considered together without imposing a serious burden on the Examiner. The prosecution of each of claims 1-89 could readily be advanced in this application.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for restriction be reconsidered and removed and that each and all of claims 1-89 be examined and considered in this application.

In the event that the requirement for restriction is made final, applicants hereby provisionally elect to initially prosecute claims 1-71 (Group I).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized and respectfully requested to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 070960.

Respectfully Submitted,

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